August 1995-96 are as given below:—

	Region	Tourist Arrivals	
		1994-95 (April-March)	1995-96 (April-August)
1.	North America	246552	84443
2.	Central & South America	12345	5743
3.	Western Europe	656963	233665
4.	Eastern Europe	61329	17984
5.	Africa	68599	32567
6.	West Asia	114035	53857
7.	South Asia	497524	199789
8.	South East Asia	114679	47498
9.	East Asia	90245	39232
10.	Australasia	44355	14019
11.	Stateless	694	323
	TOTAL	1907320	729120

(c) The steps taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities, overseas publicity and promotion and human resources Development.

Probe by Northern Region Electricity Board

842. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Region Electricity Board has ordered a probe into the power break-down on the night of 10th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been made;

(c) if so, the reasons of the break-down of power pluging many parts of the country into darkness; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such faults in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) There was a major grid disturbance in the Northern Region on the night of 10th October, 1995 affecting supply to the whole of U.P. and Rajasthan and partially in Delhi.

The grid disturbance in Northern Region which occurred on 10th Oct., 1995 at 22—54 hrs. was triggered due to a fault at Dadri sub-station of NTPC which has a cascading effect on the various power stations in the Northern Region particularly in U.P. and Rajasthan.

A Committee constituted under Chairmanship of a Chief Engineer, CEA with representatives from NTPC, POWERGRID, UPSEB & NREB has suggested several remedial measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents. The concerned organisations/SEBs are bieng pursued to implement the suggestions made.